

hybridization conditions of claim 1. Dr Jensen thus concludes that KCNQ4 disclosed by Singh et al. will not hybridize with SEQ ID NO: 1 of the instant invention.

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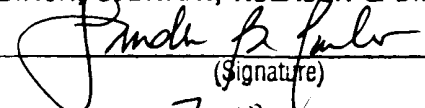
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